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Friday, June 29, 2007

To Commissioner Donald Downes:

I am writing to you today with a matter of great concern to myself and my constituents. CL&P says it is asking for another increase in their rates in order to remain competitive. This comes at a time when businesses are threatening to close their doors and leave the state.

How much longer does CL&P think the average consumer in Connecticut can continue to support or pay more out of their pocket at a time raises are virtually non-existent? People will be leaving Connecticut because they will no longer be able to afford to live in this state.

There comes a time when businesses such as CL&P have to realize that people are reaching way too far into their pockets in order to meet household expenses. Average working folks will no longer have the money to keep their businesses above water when they can barely support their families.

I am asking the DPUC to deny the rate increase mainly on affordability if anything. It's time to stop beating up on those who least can afford it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Colapietro", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Colapietro  
31<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District